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AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims in which claims 14, 17, 18, and 21-30 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 31-50 are added.

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (New) A method, comprising:

specifying, via a phone application resident on a user device, one or more subscribers from a list stored on the user device;

initiating establishment of an ad-hoc group call with the user device and one or more subscriber devices associated with the one or more subscribers; and

determining to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application.

32. (New) A method of claim 31, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, transmission of a request for the ad-hoc group call to a group communication service via a network for signaling the one or more subscribers.

33. (New) A method of claim 32, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, transmission of a media item, a media item request, or a combination thereof to the group communication service each time a talk activity is detected or indicated at the user device, the one or more subscriber devices, or a combination thereof during the ad hoc group call.

34. (New) A method of claim 33, wherein the media item, the media item request, or the combination thereof is transmitted based, at least in part, on one or more settings defined in user plane functions.

35. (New) A method of claim 31, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, rendering at the user device a presentation of a group communications menu based, at least in part, on the one or more subscribers; and receiving another user selection of one or more operation options in the group communications menu for establishing the ad-hoc group call.

36. (New) A method of claim 31, further comprising:

receiving user selection of a predetermined button for establishing the ad-hoc group call without further user intervention.

37. (New) A method of claim 31, further comprising:

determining to store the specification of the subscribers in the phonebook application; and deleting the specification of the subscribers from the phonebook application when the ad-hoc group call ends.

38. (New) A method of claim 31, wherein the ad-hoc group call includes data communication, audio communication, video communication, multimedia communication, messaging, or a combination thereof.

39. (New) A method of claim 31, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, rendering a list of the one or more subscribers and the presence information of the one or more subscribers at the user device.

40. (New) A method of claim 39, wherein the presentation further includes a subject of the ad-hoc group call, context, a location, a time zone, a user device status, or a combination thereof.

41. (New) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code for one or more programs,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following,

specify, via a phone application resident on a user device, one or more subscribers from a list stored on the user device;

initiate establishment of an ad-hoc group call with the user device and one or more subscriber devices associated with the one or more subscribers; and

determine to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application.

42. (New) An apparatus of claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to:

cause, at least in part, transmission of a request for the ad-hoc group call to a group communication service via a network for signaling the one or more subscribers.

43. (New) An apparatus of claim 42, wherein the apparatus is further caused to:

cause, at least in part, transmission of a media item, a media item request, or a combination thereof to the group communication service each time a talk activity is detected or indicated at the user device, the one or more subscriber devices, or a combination thereof during the ad hoc group call.

44. (New) An apparatus of claim 33, wherein the media item, the media item request, or the combination thereof is transmitted based, at least in part, on one or more settings defined in user plane functions.

45. (New) An apparatus of claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to: cause, at least in part, rendering at the user device a presentation of a group communications menu based, at least in part, on the one or more subscribers; and receive another user selection of one or more operation options in the group communications menu for establishing the ad-hoc group call.

46. (New) An apparatus of claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to: receive user selection of a predetermined button for establishing the ad-hoc group call without further user intervention.

47. (New) An apparatus of claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to: determine to store the specification of the subscribers in the phonebook application; and delete the specification of the subscribers from the phonebook application when the ad-hoc group call ends.

48. (New) A computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause an apparatus to at least perform the following steps:

specifying, via a phone application resident on a user device, one or more subscribers from a list stored on the user device;
initiating establishment of an ad-hoc group call with the user device and one or more subscriber devices associated with the one or more subscribers; and
determining to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application.

49. (New) A computer-readable storage medium of claim 48, wherein the apparatus is caused to further perform:

causing, at least in part, transmission of a request for the ad-hoc group call to a group communication service via a network for signaling the one or more subscribers.

50. (New) A computer-readable storage medium of claim 48, wherein the apparatus is caused to further perform:

determining to store the specification of the subscribers in the phonebook application; and
deleting the specification of the subscribers from the phonebook application when the ad-hoc group call ends.